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1. Before 1 August 1950, a Northeast Border Defense Army was organized in Lutan-chiang (129-37, 44-35) from militiamen, regular troops, and students. Twelve thousand militiamen aged 17 to 25 years were selected from the militia in the Northeast and were transferred to the new army. Two thousand twenty-six company grade officers and non-commissioned officers were transferred from the 8 Northeast Public Security Division, stationed along the highway between Mukden and Kingkou (122-13, 40-40), to the new army as junior officers. Twelve hundred undergraduates of Antung University were drafted and assigned to the new army as "cultural instructing officers" (propaganda workers).
2. The army was organized into two army groups, each consisting of three infantry divisions, one guard division, a training column, and an artillery regiment. These units were organized as follows:
  - a. Infantry division -- three infantry regiments, one artillery battalion, and one guard battalion; infantry regiment -- three infantry battalions, one guard company, one logistical company, and one signal communications platoon; infantry battalion -- three infantry companies and one light machine gun company; infantry company: three platoons; platoon -- three squads.
  - b. Guard division -- two infantry regiments, one tank battalion, one engineering company, one machine gun company, one mortar company, one motor vehicle team, one logistical team, and one signal communications team.
  - c. Training column -- eight branch teams: infantry, artillery, cavalry, tank, chemical warfare, engineer, communications, and intelligence. Each of these branches had Soviet instructors. The army commander was concurrently commander of the column.
  - d. Artillery regiment -- one light artillery battalion, one heavy artillery battalion, and one mortar and anti-aircraft artillery battalion.
3. The 1 Army Group of the Northeast Border Defense Army was headed by CHU-CHIANG Chia-hsiang (秋陽祥), former deputy commander of the Northeast Military District.

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CHAO Te-chung (趙德中) was political commissar, and Colonel Pa Shih (巴什),\* a Soviet, was military adviser. K'e-lo-ch'i-k'o-fu (克洛契可夫)\*\* was chief instructor of the training column. One artillery battalion was headed by LIU Ch'ing-hsiang (劉慶祥), former artillery company commander in the 19 Army Group, 1 Field Army. LIU was in Moscow from February until June 1950 studying artillery techniques. Upon his return in June, he became an instructor in the Sea Defense Artillery Corps in Tsingtao, commanded by TANG Ch'eng-wu (唐成武). On 20 July LIU was transferred to his present post and stationed in the Huachuan (130-44, 47-04) Youth Training Corps.

h. The disposition of some units of the 1 Army Group was as follows:

- a. 1 Division - Sha Lan Chen (沙蘭鎮), in Hingsien (129-28, 44-21).
- b. 2 Division - Chiamussu.
- c. 3 Division - Lao Lai Ying (老萊營) in Suiyang hsien (approximately 130-55, 44-30).
- d. 4 Division - Tzu Yang (紫陽) in Tungning (131-14, 44-01).
- e. Training Column - Sun Chia Kou (孫家溝), approximately 10 miles southeast of Hutanchiang.
- f. Artillery Regiment - Chiamussu.

i. The 2 Army Group was headed by LA Jen-hsing (黎仁興). It was located in Harbin.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly Colonel Pashin, Soviet commander in Dairen during 1947

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